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 Timothy J. Kieffer, et al.) Art Unit: NYA
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, please insert *f*-This application claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/188,796, filed March 13, 2000 and Provisional Application Serial No. 60/254,464, filed December 8, 2000.--

Remarks

The amendment to the specification was made to reference the priority applications, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78. The amendment therefore does not add new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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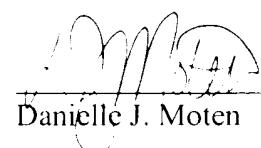
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